means for automatically clamping an attachment end when in said predetermined alignment[.] ;

said alignment means including outer walls and inner walls spaced from said outer walls by a distance sized to receive walls of said elements, said inner and outer walls disposed for said elements to be in said predetermined alignment when said element walls are disposed between said outer and inner walls of said coupling; and

said clamp means includes resiliently biased spring means carried on said coupling and disposed to urge an element wall against a wall of said coupling upon insertion of said element wall between said outer and inner walls.

Cancel claims 2-4.

In claim 5, second line thereof, cancel "biasing" and insert ---spring---.

(Amended). A cable routing system [according to claim 1, wherein] comprising:

a plurality of cable pathway-defining elements;

each one of said plurality terminating at least one attachment end;

a coupling for joining at least a first one of said attachment ends to at least a second one of said attachment ends, said coupling including aligning means for aligning the

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first and second ones in a predetermined alignment, said coupling further including clamp means for automatically clamping an attachment end when in said predetermined alignment; and

said plurality including [includes] a plurality of troughs and support means for supporting said troughs, said support means including a support plate having at least one longitudinally extending slot formed therein and opposing a trough, said longitudinally extending slot having longitudinally extending groove means for defining a plurality of opposing grooves [within] on opposing sides of said slot, with said opposing grooves sized to threadably receive a threaded attachment member said slot extending substantially an entire length of said plate and said grooves extending substantially an entire length of said slot.

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8 (Amended) A cable routing system [according to claim 1] comprising:

a plurality of cable pathway-defining elements;

each one of said plurality terminating at least one attachment end;

a coupling for joining at least a first one of said attachment ends to at least a second one of said attachment ends, said coupling including aligning means for aligning the first and second ones in a predetermined alignment, said coupling further including clamp means for automatically clamping an attachment end when in said predetermined alignment; and

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